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SUBJECT: REPORTED PUBLIC EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS IN QUELIMANE

1. ACCORDING TO SEVERAL RESIDENTS OF QUELIMANE, DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 4 ZAMBEZIA GOVERNOR BONIFACIO GRUVETA SUMMONED RESIDENTS TO THE FOOTBALL STADIUM TO WITNESS THE PUBLIC EXECUTION OF TWO CRIMINALS. THE CRIMINALS, ACCUSED OF BEING PART OF A BAND WHICH ROBBED AND KILLED A CATHOLIC PRIEST, WERE TRIED BY "POPULAR TRIBUNAL" ARRANGED BY GRUVETA, SENTENCED TO DEATH, AND EXECUTED BY ARMY FIRING SQUAD BEFORE THE POPULACE. EYEWITNESSES NOTE THE PROCEDURE WAS "GHASTLY" AND NOT WELL RECEIVED BY THE CROWD.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS IS CONTRARY
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TO THE FRELIMO LINE OF REHABILITATION AND CLEMENCY, WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THIS STORY. GRUVETA APPEARS TO RUN ZAMBEZIA PROVINCE TO SUIT HIMSELF AND TO INCORRECTLY OR OVER ZEALOUSLY IMPLEMENT FRELIMO REGULATIONS. ACCORDING TO PORTUGUESE CONSULATE OFFICIALS, GRUVETA SEIZED AND EXPELLED SEVERAL DOZEN PORTUGUESE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF MOZAMBIQUE'S NEW NATIONALITY

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